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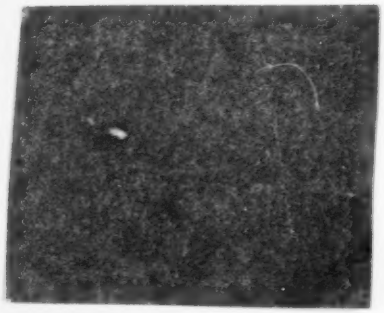

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR 1996 ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING PROGRESS REPORT ON SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Establishment of an international centre for hydrogen energy technologies

Report by the Director-General

1. The Industrial Development Board at its sixteenth session, in decision IDB.16/Dec.2, requested the Director-General to submit a report to the Board at its seventeenth session on the progress made in the establishment of the international centre for hydrogen energy technologies.

2. Following the decision of the Board, consultations were held with the Government of Turkey. As a result of these consultations, an agreement between the Government of Turkey and UNIDO concerning the institutional arrangements for the centre was prepared and was submitted to the Government of Turkey for its consideration.

3. In addition, the Secretariat prepared a draft trust fund agreement and project document for the establishment and operation of the centre.

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